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PREP WORK FOR VALLEY CENTER ROAD PHASE 2 BEGINS

Construction Project To Protect Endangered Species

Inland North County residents and commuters will soon see improvements to Valley Center Road. That's due to work on Phase 2 of that road's widening project, which will run from one mile south of Banbury Drive to Cole Grade Road.

Improvements include widening and realigning the road; adding a landscaped or striped median, bike lanes and graded parkways; adding a concrete sidewalk along portions of the road through town; installing new water and gas lines; and undergrounding overhead utilities.

Before Phase 2 construction begins, DPW will take important steps to protect wildlife that breeds in the area each year. Beginning Dec. 5, 2005, crews will remove trees and vegetation in the immediate project area before bird-breeding season in January and February 2006. This preparation work allows birds, such as raptors, and other species to settle in suitable areas away from the construction area.

Work hours are from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. One lane of traffic control with a flagging operation will be in place periodically from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Traffic delays can be expected during these hours.

For general project inquiries, comments, concerns, or to sign-up for the project updates, please call the Project Hotline at (619) 232-2640.

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